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for him for Governor. Because this...he really is hitting a point here. Anyone who has voted for this bill has been duped. Absolutely...this is a bill that could council...the county board or the city council could confiscate your property in time. And it's just absolutely uncalled for. It's only one little situation down on "O" street that we are passing this legislation for. That's all. Now why should we pass some legislation like this, when it affects everyone in the state of Nebraska. And our properties. Then..if you own a house..if you are out 5 miles from "O" street. You are going to get taxed for that thing on "O" street. Just remember that.

PRESIDENT: Whitney, Fowler, Fellman and Goodrich. That's the way the line up. Senator Whitney has the floor.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I only wanted to say, that the same way the bill is written. It already allows 6% of the people to have a petition and call for a referendum. So that if, say for example, a parking facility were way out of line as what they were recommending, that 6% of the people is not very many. For example, for the city of Lincoln to get to have a vote by the people. And that is the way the bill is written now.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I would like to rise to support Senator Chambers motion. I had a similar..or not exact emotion in earlier and I would defer to Senator Chambers. I would like to point out that the area that we are particularly talking about in Lincoln, the centrum is in my district and I have a particular concern about 70 apartments that is located in that area, and about a hundred residents. The reason I support this amendment is that during the 4 day break we had, I came in contact with several Lincoln residents. None of them praised the Legislature for advancing this bill and several were distressed. The citizens of Lincoln were not going to have a chance to vote on this general obligation bond. Citizens of Lincoln must vote of Library bonds, school bonds, bonds to purchase mass transit. I don't feel that an exception should be granted to parking garages. I see no reason that there should be either in Lincoln or Omaha, and that I should stress this bill as Omaha as well, to float a bond issue for parking garages and schools. As you recall last year, we had a major fight over providing exemption on Omaha's mill levy so they could build schools. I would again stress the fact that the project that we are talking about is in my district and I have a concern about care for the people in that area, and I also believe that the citizens of Lincoln should have a change to vote on this as your home rule charter provides.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman and then Goodrich, Senator Nore.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: The previous question has been moved. Does the Chair see 5 hands. Thank you, the question is shall the debate now close. All those in favor of closing debate will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. The motion is to close debate.